# **Tier II Chemical Reporting**



#### What is a Tier II chemical report?

It is a chemical inventory report required for every facility that stores hazardous chemicals at or above the reporting threshold. If the reporting threshold amount is met or exceeded at any point throughout the year a Tier II report will need to be submitted. Tier II chemical reports include information on the facility, hazardous chemicals, and emergency contacts. A filing fee is required when submitting Annual or Initial reports. You can find links to the state and federal laws and regulations requiring this reporting, including exemptions for certain facilities on the TCEQ Tier II Reporting webpage.1

#### What chemicals are considered hazardous?

A hazardous chemical is any chemical which is classified as a physical hazard or a health hazard; a simple asphyxiant, combustible dust, pyrophoric gas, or hazard not otherwise classified as defined in Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1910.1200(c). There is no comprehensive list of all hazardous substances or chemicals that must be reported. A small subset of hazardous substances have been identified as extremely hazardous substances and have more stringent regulatory requirements. Find the full EHS list in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), part 355, Appendix A and B or on the Tier II Hazardous Chemicals webpage.2

#### Reporting Thresholds

- Hazardous substances: 10,000 lbs.
- Extremely hazardous substances (EHS): 500 lbs. or the threshold planning quantity (TPQ), whichever is less.

### What is the purpose of the report?

Emergency planning personnel and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) use the information in a Tier II report to prepare community emergency response plans. Additionally, response personnel (fire, police, and emergency medical services) use Tier II information when responding to accidents and other community emergencies.

## What information is in a Tier II report?

A Tier II report is required to include:

- Information on the reported facility.
- The names of each reportable hazardous substance or EHS on site.
- Approximate amounts of the hazardous substances present and their exact location within the facility.

- The following contact types emergency, owner/operator, billing, and Tier II information contacts.
- Email and phone number for each listed contact.
- A facility emergency coordinator contact, if the facility has EHS chemicals at or above the listed TPQ.

#### **How do I create a Tier II report?**

You must complete and submit all Tier II reports online using the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS). For more information on STEERS please contact the Tier II program.

#### Where do I send the report?

Submit your Tier II reports to TCEQ and then provide an exported copy to the relevant Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and the appropriate local fire department. Contact your LEPC and fire department to determine their desired format. If your facility is required to submit a Tier II report, you must keep a copy of the most current report on site.

#### How can I get help with the Tier II report?

TCEQ's Tier II webpage offers a variety of guidance, in both video and printed formats. You may also request assistance through our online help form.3

#### **About Us**

The Tier II Chemical Reporting program is the state repository for chemical inventory reports required under both the federal Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act and the Texas Community Right-to-Know Acts.



#### **Contact Us**

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